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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Special Military Detail Program for Duty in South Vietnam

REFERENCE : Letter from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Deputy Secretary of Defense dated 3 December 1966

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1. This memorandum contains two recommendations for your approval; such recommendations are contained in paragraph 7.

2. The Director, in referenced letter to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, discussed the Agency's difficulties in endeavoring to meet our extraordinary personnel requirements in South Vietnam and requested that the Department of Defense assist us in this area by providing on military detail some fifty young military officers for duty with the Revolutionary Development Cadre and related programs (now known as the "Pacification/Special Branch Program, Office of Civilian Operations").

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3. A meeting was held on 8 December 1966 attended by the J-1 of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mr. [] Acting Chief, FE Division, and other Agency representatives to discuss the details of the proposal. It was agreed that, since we would need officers who had previously served in South Vietnam as advisers to indigenous elements and would want them to serve an 18-month tour rather than the normal 12-month military tour, participation in the program should be on a voluntary basis and that some form of inducement would be in order. With respect to the latter, it was agreed that we would explore the feasibility of offering the pay and allowances of equivalent General Service grades in lieu of military pay similar to a program which had been established between the Agency for International Development and the Department of the Army pursuant to authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

4. The Office of General Counsel, after discussing the problem with the Deputy General Counsel, Department of Defense, has concluded that there would be no legal objection to such action under our proposed program provided the appropriate authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act is delegated to the Director by the Secretary of State. The Office of General Counsel has discussed with the Deputy Legal Adviser for Administration, Department of State, the proposed delegation from the Secretary to CIA. The Deputy Legal Adviser indicated he would be glad to have the requested delegation referred to him for consideration. He would examine it for legal sufficiency and would put it into State Department channels for policy consideration and approval. Draft of a proposed delegation order drawn by the Office of General Counsel is attached at Tab A. Your attention is invited to the fact that the proposed delegation of authority

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is specifically limited to personnel to be utilized under the Pacification/ Special Branch Program, Office of Civilian Operations, South Vietnam.

5. A draft of a memorandum of understanding governing the selection, processing, pay, and administration of personnel to be detailed under this program is attached at Tab B. We propose to discuss this draft with the J-1, Joint Chiefs of Staff and representatives of the military departments concerned. HR [] was followed in determining the equivalent civilian to military grades used in the computations.

7. It is recommended that:

a. The Office of General Counsel be authorized to seek a delegation order from the Secretary of State worded essentially as shown at Tab A.

b. The draft memorandum of understanding at Tab B be approved for discussion and formalization between the Agency and the military departments concerned.

/s/ Emmett D. Echols

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Director of Personnel

Atts.

CONCUR:

/s/ Lawrence R. Houston

General Counsel

(Signed) Desmond Fitzgerald

Deputy Director for Plans

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Deputy Director for Support

The recommendations in paragraph 7 are approved.

/s/ L. K. White

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Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

January _____, 1967

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (75 Stat. 621) and by Executive Order 10973 of November 3, 1961 (26 F.R. 10469), the authority to perform those portions of the Pacification/Special Branch Program, Office of Civilian Operations, in South Vietnam which have been or may be assigned to the Central Intelligence Agency is hereby delegated to the Central Intelligence Agency. I further authorize the Central Intelligence Agency to utilize the authorities provided by Section 625(d)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 in discharging the foregoing delegation.

Dean Rusk
Secretary of State

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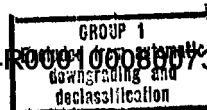
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1. Reference: Letter from the Director of Central Intelligence Agency to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, dated 3 December 1966, requesting the assignment of fifty (50) officers to the Agency to help meet priority requirements in Vietnam.

2. Pursuant to approval of referenced request by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the following Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of _____ and the Central Intelligence Agency has been developed for application to this project:

a. The officers nominated for this duty should have a minimum of twelve months' experience living and working with the indigenous personnel of South Vietnam at the sector or subsector level, but acceptable also is related experience in such fields as Army Special Forces, civil affairs, psychological operations, small unit advisors, engineers, intelligence, and the like. Officers of any Service in grades up to major, inclusive, would be acceptable. In view of the fact that

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